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Title : Need to make payment of the arrears to coal workers as per National Coal Wage Agreement.

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): A strong resentment is prevailing among the coal workers in the country due to non-payment of the arrears of wages as per NCWA. The management of Coal India Limited has declined to make the payment on the plea that the Ministry of Coal have not agreed to make the payment as per modalities worked out jointly.

Sir, reckless outsourcing and handing over the blocks reserved for Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries to private agencies, damage the interest of Public Sector Coal industry.

In protest against this the coal workers all over India are going to start non-cooperation with the management from March 27, 2006.

Hence, I urge upon the Government to ensure payment of arrears by the end of March, 2006 and stop all forms of outsourcing, handing over coal blocks reserved for Coal India and its subsidiaries to private agencies.